

Introduced by: Councilmember Elrich

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2005- 30**

**(Increase in Local Supplement to State Homeowners Property Tax Credit)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 9-215.1 of the Tax-Property Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* authorizes a municipality to grant a local supplement to the state homeowner property tax credit program; and

**WHEREAS**, the local supplement is equal to a percentage not to exceed 50% of the state homeowner property tax credit provided under Section 9-104 of the Tax-Property Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*; and

**WHEREAS**, by Ordinance No. 1991-42, the Council adopted a local supplement to the state homeowner's property tax credit program and set the amount of the local supplement at 30% of the state homeowner's property tax credit amount (Prior Code, Chapter 11, Article 4); and

**WHEREAS**, by Ordinance No. 2004-27, the Council increased the amount of the local supplement to 30% of the state homeowner's property tax credit amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires to further increase the local supplement to 50% of the state homeowner's property tax credit in order to provide greater tax relief against City property taxes for low-income and other homeowners who qualify for the state homeowner property tax credit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Title 7, Purchasing and Taxation, Chapter 7.28, Local Supplement to State Homeowners Property, Section 7.28.020 of the *Takoma Park Code* (2004 edition) is amended as follows:

**7.28.020 Amount.**

A. \* \* \* \*

B. The amount of the homeowner's tax credit local supplement shall be equal to ~~thirty (30%)~~ fifty percent (50%) of the eligible homeowner's state homeowner's property tax credit for the taxable year in which the homeowner's tax credit local supplement is sought.

C. \* \* \* \*

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 26th day of September, 2005, by roll-call vote as follows:

Aye: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Elrich, Seamens, Williams

Nay:

Absent: Ritzo

Abstain:

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Additions to the existing language of the *Takoma Park Code* are shown by shading and underlining.

~~Deletions~~ to the existing language of the *Takoma Park Code* are shown by ~~strikeout~~.

\* \* \* \* indicates language of the *Takoma Park Code* which is not reproduced in this Ordinance and which is not being changed.